

Thomastown West Primary School Newsletter

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2023 IMPORTANT DATES:

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Wed	19 July	Prep Quantum Excursion
Mon	24 July	Monday Muster: Parents welcome to visit their child's classroom and view their work. 3.15-4.35pm (Please note: This is not a Parent/Teacher conference)
Wed	2 Aug	Winter Wonderland: Pyjama Day (Out of Uniform day)
Tue	8 Aug	100 days of learning– Celebration P-2
Fri	11 Aug	Hoop time Basketball Tournament 5/6
Mon Fri	14-18 Aug	Science Week
Tue	15 Aug	School Council Meeting
Mon Fri	21-25 Aug	Book week
Fri	25 Aug	Prep Circus day
Fri	25 Aug	5/6 Girls Futsal Tournament
Tue Thurs	29-31 Aug	Fathers Day stall
Thur	7 Sept	Whole School Concert
Wed	13 Sep	Footy Day Parade and Hot lunch (Out of Uniform day)
Fri	15 Sept	Last day term 3– Students dismissed at 1.15pm
Mon	6 Nov	**NEW** In 2023 students are expected to attend school the Monday before Melbourne Cup Public Holiday.

From the Principal

First and foremost, thank you all for the incredibly warm welcome upon my return to TWPS from my 9 week holiday! My African adventure was everything I could hope for and more! Each country within Africa, we experienced unique landscapes, rich traditions, vibrant communities and spectacular wildlife viewing. I have shared photos pages 2, 22 and 23 of this newsletter. Something to consider... I've had a few students say to me this week, "Mrs Young you are so lucky to go to Africa." My reply, "It's not luck. It has been many years of hard work and saving my money." I think there's a valuable lesson in this for our children.

I don't believe in luck.... It's persistence, hard work, and not forgetting your dream.

— Janet Jackson —

On behalf of the TWPS team, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Mrs. Teresa Marnik, who skillfully led Thomastown West Primary School in my absence. Mrs. Marnik, along with the support of Mr. Crotti and Mrs. Sheean, ensured that everything ran smoothly during my time away. I am truly grateful for their dedication, commitment, and hard work. I have heard from students, parents and staff how supportive Teresa was, as well as her comprehensive knowledge of policies. I would like to extend my warmest wishes to Teresa as she returns to Mernda Central College. I am sure they are thrilled to have her back and look forward to another successful term together.

Term 3

I would like to extend a heartfelt welcome to all our students and their families as we embark on an exciting and eventful Term 3. We sincerely hope that everyone had an enjoyable break.

It brings me great joy to reflect upon our first week of learning at Thomastown West. Students settled quickly into their learning and wellbeing programs as we celebrated NAIDOC week. On Wednesday afternoon, staff had the pleasure of celebrating the Mathematic achievements of our students and the professional growth of our teachers, as a result of the Term 2 teacher Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). The data undeniably showcased the positive impact of collaborative learning and planning among teachers, as it directly correlates with improved student learning outcomes.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Miss Milly Taylor on the birth of baby Rueben Gallant! What incredible news! Weighing in at 3.7kg, Rueben is already making a grand entrance into the world. Sending warm wishes to the proud parents and lots of love to the precious bundle of joy. May this new chapter be filled with endless love, joy, and beautiful memories for the entire family.



NAIDOC WEEK– What is this year's theme?

NAIDOC Week celebrations are held nationwide every July to honor the history, culture, and accomplishments of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. The theme for this year's NAIDOC week is 'For Our Elders.' It highlights the significant role of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders, who carry the stories that comprise the world's oldest living culture.



The theme of this year's NAIDOC encourages our youth to embrace the wisdom and perspectives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Elders. It emphasises the importance of preserving and passing down these stories and teachings to future generations for countless millennia to come.

I would like to acknowledge Carolyn Jones, our Koorie Literacy and Numeracy Program teacher, who is such a passionate advocate for our Koorie students and families. Carolyn's dedication and hard work is very much appreciated by all staff and students. We all felt her disappointment when the Smoking Ceremony was cancelled the evening before, for the second year in a row. It was such a shame, as we had also invited our local Thomastown and Lalor schools Koorie students to join us for this special event. Fingers crossed for next year!

We will hold a special NAIDOC week presentation at our whole school assembly next week and we are thrilled that our neighbours Bubup Wilam Early Learning Centre are going to join us.

School Uniform

Well done to everyone that has returned this term wearing their correct uniform. Just a reminder that our school colours are **navy blue, red and white**. Please do not allow your children to come in black pants or different colour jumpers. However, due to the increasingly cold winter mornings, students are permitted to



wear different colour jackets before school and at play times. Please note, students are requested to remove jackets, beanies, scarves and gloves when they are inside because the classroom heater is turned on. This way, when they go out to play, they have a cozy garment to put on and stay warm.



**Please to arrive on time,
ready to learn
at quarter to nine!**

We understand that there can be challenges when getting ready for school, especially as we are getting back in to routine after school holidays and the weather is cold!. But there are many reasons why arriving on time is so important. These **benefits** include:

- ✓ Your child doesn't miss out on the important learning early in the day when they are most alert.
- ✓ Early morning learning activity is often reading or writing your child can lose so many opportunities to learn these critical life skills.
- ✓ Helps your child to learn about routines and commitment.
- ✓ Class disruption can make your child feel uncomfortable and can upset other children.
- ✓ Arriving on time every day makes children feel good about themselves.

As I conclude this week's newsletter, I can't help but ponder: **What dreams do our students hold for their future?** It was during my time in Year 5 that I discovered my aspiration to become a teacher and desire to travel to Africa. Remarkably, this year marked my fourth visit to the continent! I encourage you to inspire your children to share their dreams with you, their teacher, or Mr. Crotti and myself. I looking forward to the future, hearing about their incredible journeys that will bring their dreams to life!

Sandi Young
Principal

Remember to always dream.
More importantly, work
hard to make those dreams
come true and never give
up.

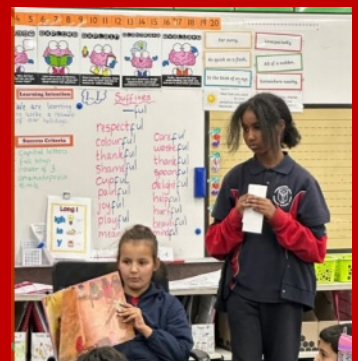
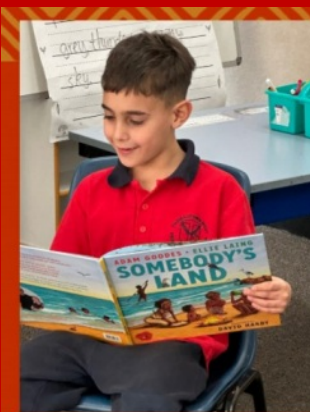
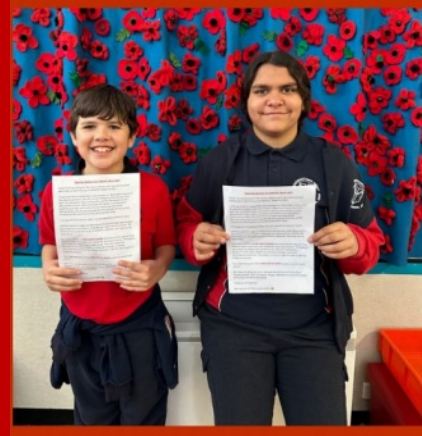
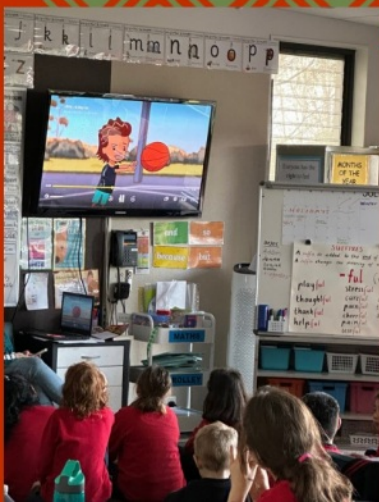
Robert Ballard

ASSEMBLIES: 2:30pm Fridays

WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY Multipurpose Room/ Basketball court	TEAM ASSEMBLY In your child's building
Week 2 Friday 21st July	Week 3 Friday 28th July
Week 4 Friday 4th August	Week 5 Friday 11th August
Week 6 Friday 18th August	Week 7 Friday 25th August
Week 8 Friday 1st September	Week 9 Friday 8th September
Week 10 Friday 15th September 12:00pm (last day of Term 3)	



NAIDOC WEEK





***Country
Sacred, peaceful.
Protect, defend, save.
My country is as old as time
itself.
Home.***



***For Our
Elders***

By Dalia

Starting primary school?

Starting school is an exciting time for children, parents and carers.

The first year of primary school is called Foundation or Prep.

Below are some simple steps you should follow to enrol your child in a Victorian government primary school.

Before filling out an application

Read about when and how to enrol on our website



Make sure your child is the right age to start school



Find your local school and other nearby government schools at **findmyschool.vic.gov.au**



Contact primary schools to book a tour, visit or for further information



Applying for Foundation enrolment

Get an application or enrolment form from the primary school



Gather the required documents



Submit everything to the primary school by the due date in the timeline



Wait for the school to contact you



You can find out more at:

Enrolling in
Foundation (Prep) |
Victorian Government



Department
of Education



ENROL FOR PREP 2024

BOOK A TOUR

TOGETHER WORKING ON PATHWAYS TO SUCCESS

Thomastown West Primary School provides comprehensive, child centred, educational programs in all of the key learning areas:

- Exemplary Literacy Program
- Oral Language Program
- Engaging/Challenging Numeracy Program
- Digital Technologies
- Outstanding Visual Arts Program
- Music and Instrumental Tuition
- An Investigative Science Program (STEM)
- Encouraging Physical Education Program

Support Programs:

- Perceptual Motor Program
- Student Welfare and Support
- Literacy Intervention
- Koorie Literacy and Numeracy Program
- Choir and School Band
- Whole School Buddies Program
- Before and After School Care
- School Wide Positive Behaviour Program

FOR MORE INFO

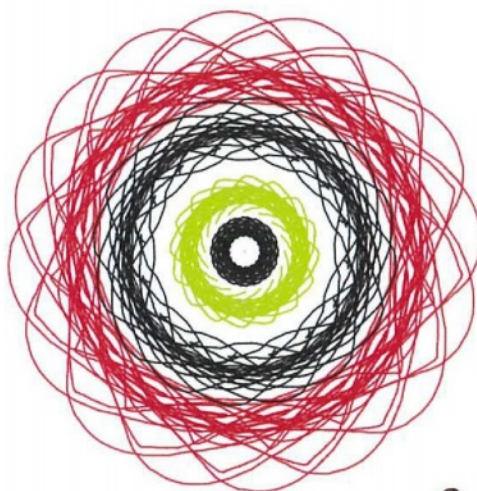
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RESILIENCE RESPONSIBILITY RESPECT EMPATHY
STRIVE TO BE OUR BEST

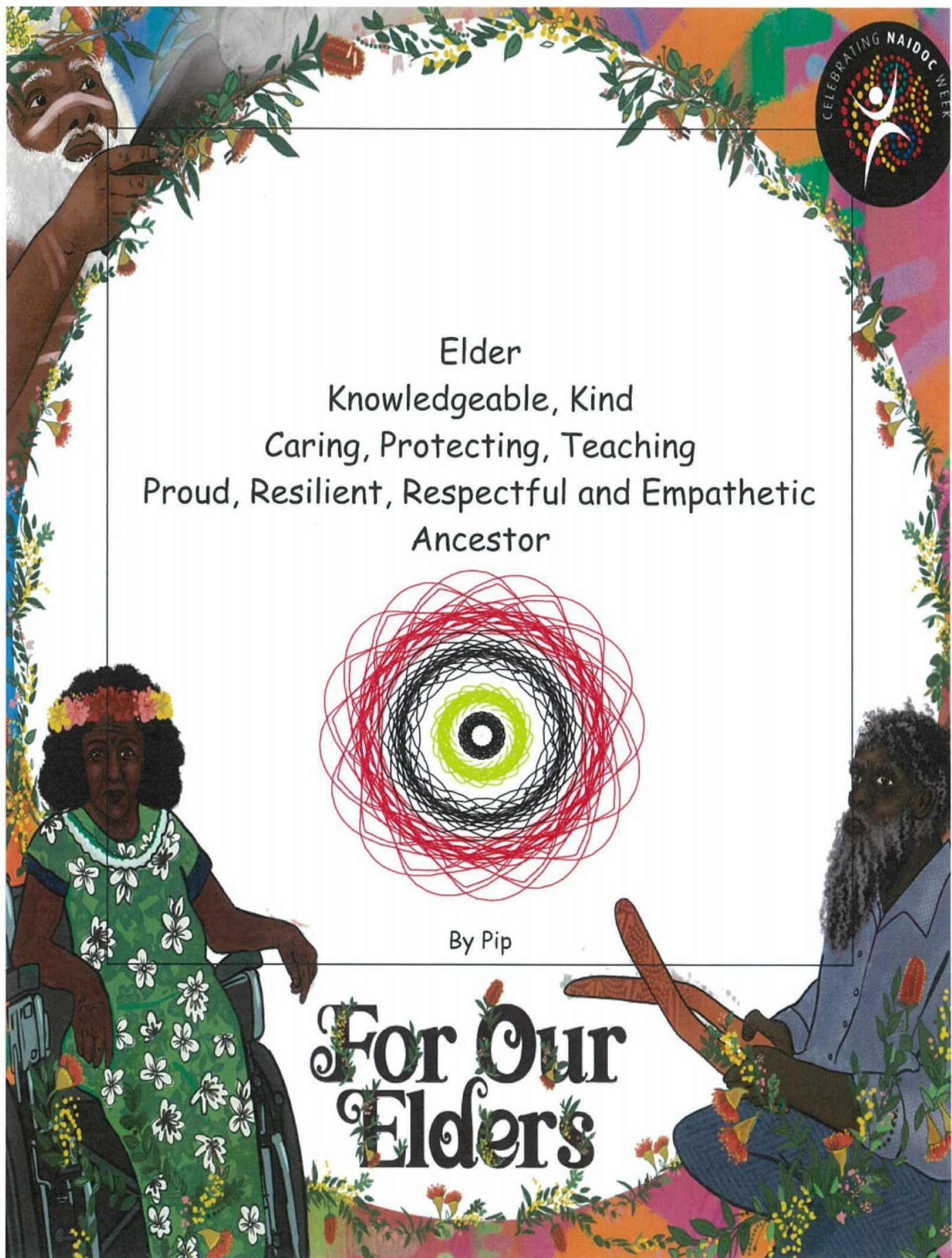


Elder
Knowledgeable, Kind
Caring, Protecting, Teaching
Proud, Resilient, Respectful and Empathetic
Ancestor



By Pip

For Our
Elders




EVERY DAY OF LEARNING COUNTS

Term 3 Week 1 Student Attendance Report

As part of the Department of Education *Every Day Counts* initiative, schools report attendance in percentages. **The Government regard 95% as the minimum satisfactory attendance for a school student.**

The percentages in the table below indicates the average attendance for each class for this week.

The shaded boxes below indicate which classroom has the highest level of attendance for their year level.

Prep	Last Week of Term	This Week	Year 3/4	Last Week of Term	This Week
Room 2	63%	79%	Room 9	92%	88%
Room 3	82%	82%	Room 10	89%	82%
Year 1/2	Last Week	This Week	Room 11	84%	88%
Room 4	89%	85%	Room 12	93%	82%
Room 5	76%	82%	Year 5/6	Last Week	This Week
Room 6	75%	75%	Room 15	85%	 91%
			Room 16	73%	85%
			Room 17	92%	83%
			Room 18	77%	77%

EVERY DAY OF LEARNING REALLY DOES COUNT!

At TWPS we want every child to achieve their full potential and we know that parents share this goal. There is a clear link between good attendance and educational achievement. If your child is not in school, on time, as often as possible they will be missing out on many important parts of their

No Absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80%
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	
Best chance of success. Gets your child off to a flying start!		Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress.		Your child will find it very difficult to make progress. May result in court action!	

TOP DOJO EARNERS

Term 3 Week 1

Congratulations to Room 6 with 144 Dojo Points

You are the class with the highest number of Dojo points this week!



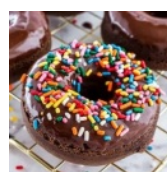
Prep	Kehlani 7 Dojo Points
Grade 1/2	Ibrahim 10 Dojo Points
Grade 3/4	Mya 11 Dojo Points
Grade 5/6	Kane 3 Dojo Points
Most Dojo points Prep - 6	Mya Rm 11 11 Dojo Points



WINTER WONDERLAND DONUT DAY



- Winter wonderland will be on **Wednesday 2nd August**, students can come dressed in their Pyjamas / PJs. *(Please wear sensible shoes... not slippers)*
- An order form to purchase donuts will be sent out next week. Student will be able to order a donut and flavored milk to enjoy on this day.



The fundraising committee thank you for your continuous support.

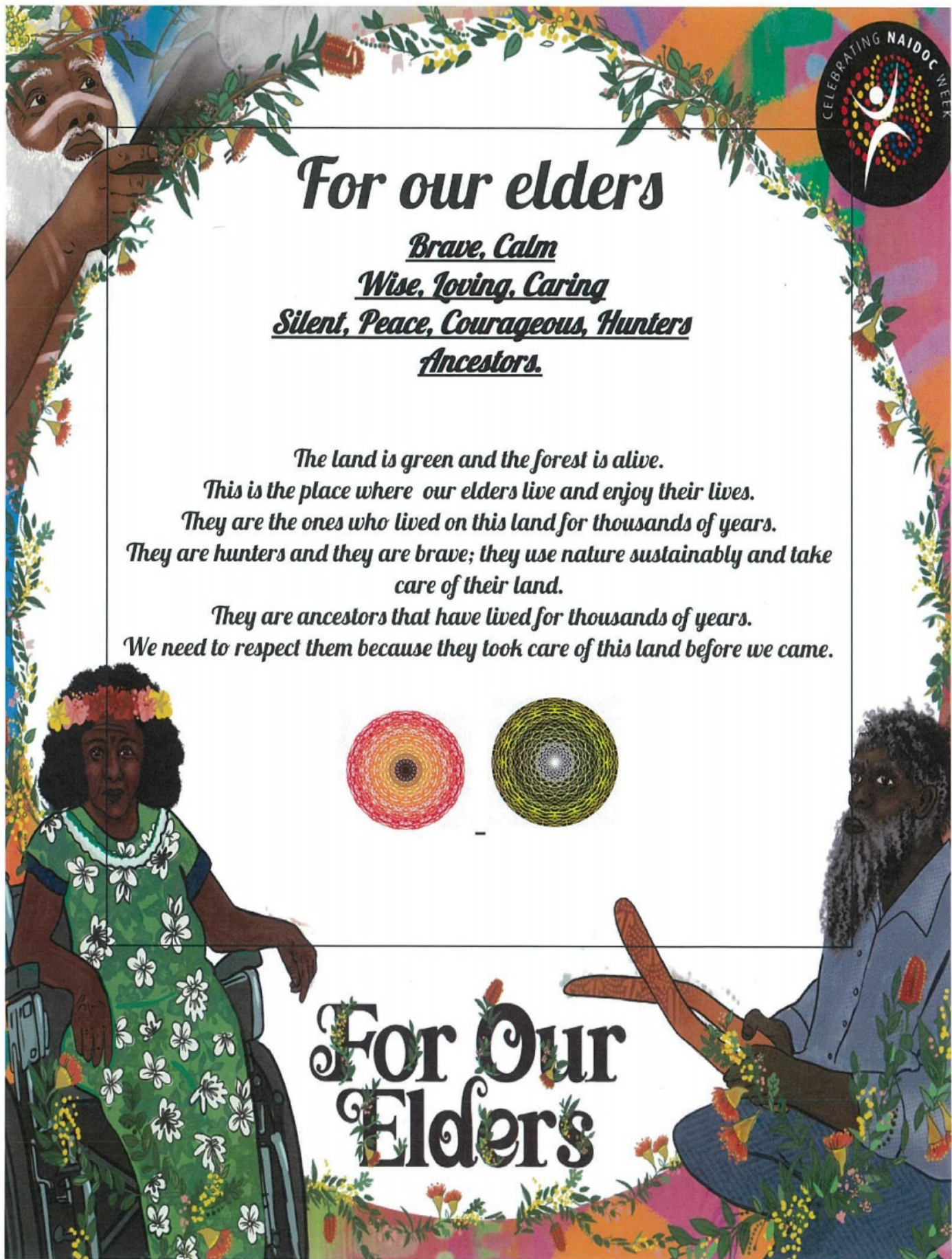


For our elders








Brave, Calm
Wise, Loving, Caring
Silent, Peace, Courageous, Hunters
Ancestors.

The land is green and the forest is alive.
This is the place where our elders live and enjoy their lives.
They are the ones who lived on this land for thousands of years.
They are hunters and they are brave; they use nature sustainably and take care of their land.
They are ancestors that have lived for thousands of years.
We need to respect them because they took care of this land before we came.

For Our Elders



Thomastown West Primary School compulsory school uniform items are as follows:

Season		Item Description	Image	Notes
All year round	Polo Shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long sleeve Short sleeve Red in colour With or without TWPS logo No alternative logos are to be visible 		With or without TWPS logo
All year round	Shorts/Pants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy shorts Navy pants No alternative logos are to be visible 		Tights are to only be worn under shorts or dressed, not as pants
Summer	Dresses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Checked dress (as in image only) Tights and skivvies can be worn underneath for modesty purposes. White, blue tights and skivvies are to be worn. 		In winter white, red, navy skivvies can be worn underneath In winter navy tights can be worn under dresses
All year round	Jumper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Red pullover fleece with or without TWPS logo TWPS bomber jacket is navy blue. 		
All year round	Hijab or Turbans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy or red material with no decoration or brand name 		
All year round. Compulsory Term 1 and Term 4	Hat	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Navy broadbrim without decoration or brand name Navy legionnaires hat without decoration or brand name 		Hats are available for sale at the TWPS front office
All year round	Headwear	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue, white, red 'scrunchies' and ribbons are permitted Elastic Bands used to tie up hair may be worn in any colour 		



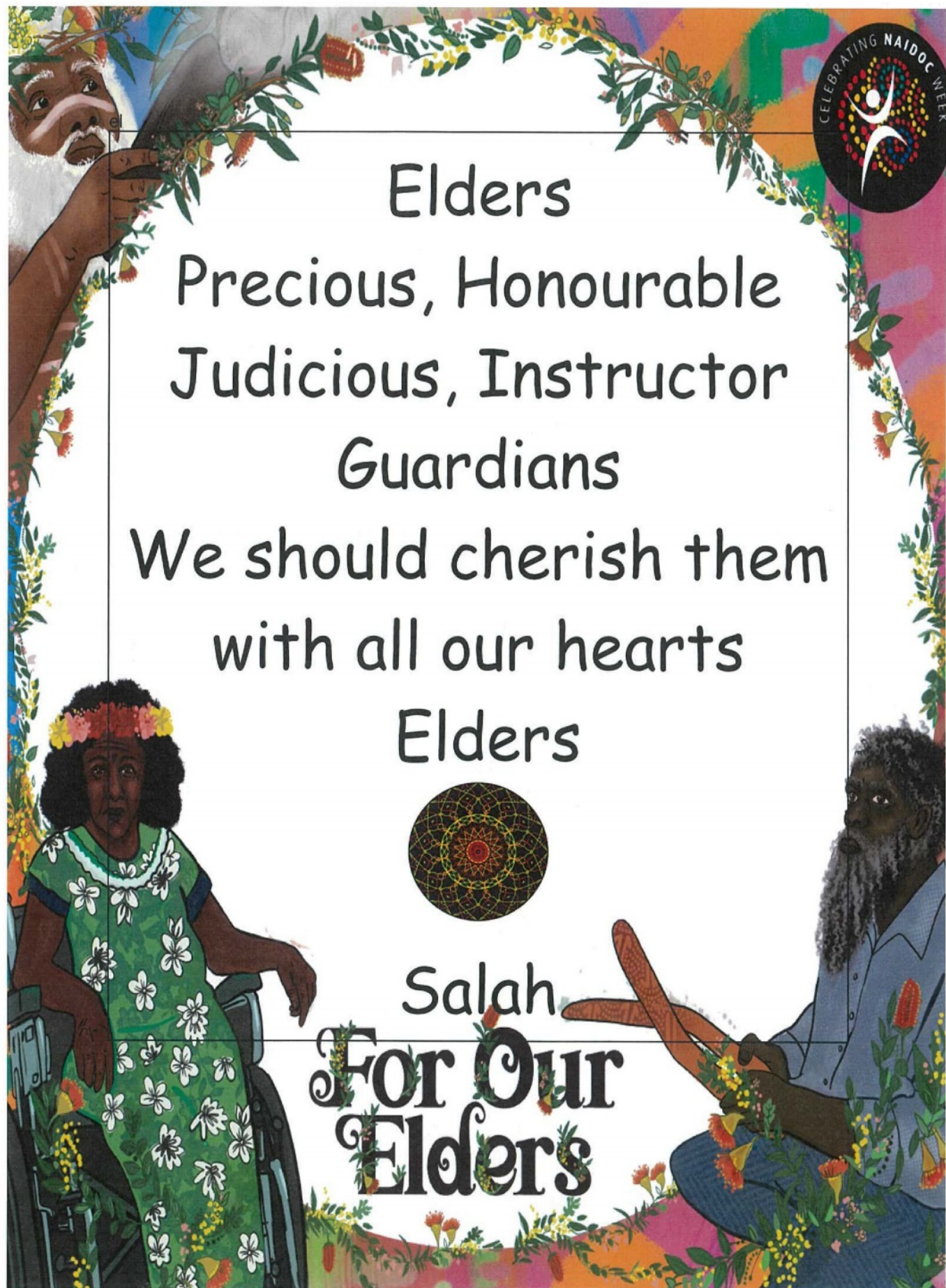
Elders
Precious, Honourable
Judicious, Instructor
Guardians
We should cherish them
with all our hearts

Elders



Salah

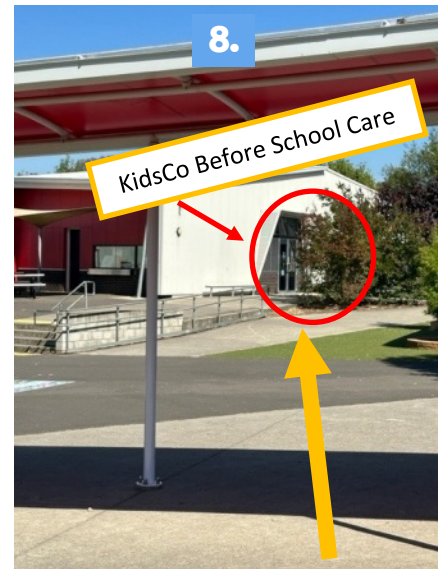
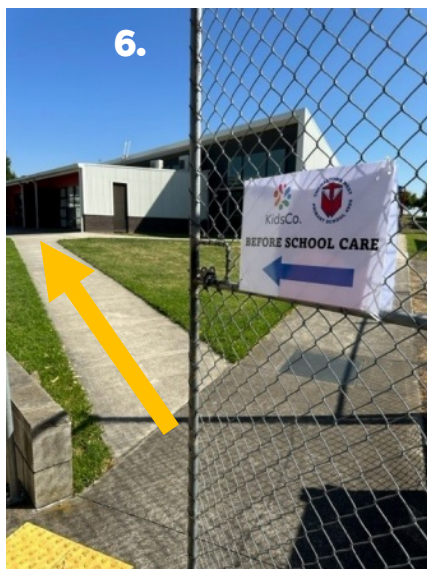
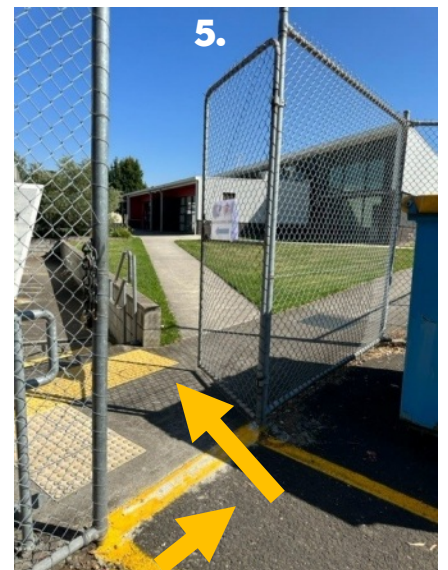
For Our
Elders





KidsCo.

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE from 7am



THOMASTOWN ON-CAMPUS STORE

BELEZA TRADING HOURS

TERM 3				
JULY	Tues 11th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 25th 1pm - 4pm		
AUGUST	Tues 8th 1pm - 4pm	Tues 22nd 1pm - 4pm		
SEPTEMBER	Tues 5th 1pm - 4pm			

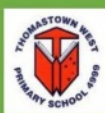
OPEN!

The uniform shop is opened every fortnight on Tuesdays in Term 3.

Please check the dates above. Orders can also be placed at the office.



THOMASTOWN WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU 2023



Online Orders:

**NEW
MENU**

Welcome to My School Connect
ORDER YOUR CHILD'S MEALS ONLINE

New to My School Connect SIMPLY REGISTER AT:

www.myschoolconnect.com.au

Hot Food

Beef burger with cheese and tomato sauce (Ha)	\$5.00
Large Beef Pie (Halal)	\$4.30
Hot Dog Beef (Halal)	\$4.20
Large Sausage Roll (Halal)	\$4.00
Twin Party Pies 2 pieces (Halal)	\$3.00
Chicken Nuggets 6 pieces (Halal)	\$5.00
Pizza – Margarita (Halal)	\$3.50
Pizza – Sujuk Beef	\$4.00
Pizza Zaatar (oregano & herb)	
Chicken Tenderloins Wrap with cheese, Tomato, mayo & sweet chilli sauce	\$6.50
Ricotta Mini Pastry	\$1.60
Ricotta & Spinach Rolls	\$4.00
Extra Tomato sauce	\$0.20

Freshly Made Hot Food

Pasta- Penne Bolognese Sauce	\$6.50
Pasta- Penne Napoli Sauce	\$6.00

Drinks

Lipton Iced tea (peach or lemon)	\$4.00
Fruit Juice Box (apple or orange)	\$2.50
Chocolate and Strawberry Milk	\$3.00
Water (600ml)	\$2.50

Freshly Made Sandwiches^(h)

On white bread. Gluten free bread also available upon request

Cheese	\$3.00
Cheese and Ham	\$3.50
Cheese, Ham, and Tomato	\$4.00
Salad (lettuce, tomato, and carrot) (v)	\$4.50
Vegemite and Cheese	\$3.00
Add to your order	
Mayo	Add \$0.50

Snacks

Banana Bread	\$3.00
Fruit Salad (seasonal fruit mix)	\$3.50
Freshly baked muffin	\$2.50

v)= vegetarian (ve)= vegan (Ha)= Halal

(h) = prepared on site by canteen staff

Note: Prices may be subject to change due to seasonal fluctuations and wholesaler price increases.

- **Every Wednesday and Friday your child can order a lunch order.**
- **Lunch orders can only be ordered via the School Connect App.**
- **Cut off time is 8.30 am**



OUR SCHOOL TUCKSHOP IS NOW ONLINE!

Download the free app or access www.myschoolconnect.com.au



1. REGISTER YOUR ACCOUNT

Register on any device, simply login to www.myschoolconnect.com.au and click on "Create Account", follow the prompts to add your email and password.

2. ADD YOUR STUDENT

And make sure that you select your school and classroom details.



3. SELECT "TOP UP"

To add money to your account via Credit Card or Paypal, you can choose Direct Deposit but allow 3-5 working days to process prior to ordering. You can also pay as you go, simply skip the pop up screen for adding funds and start ordering.

(Please note Merchant Fees applies to Credit Card or Paypal Transactions)

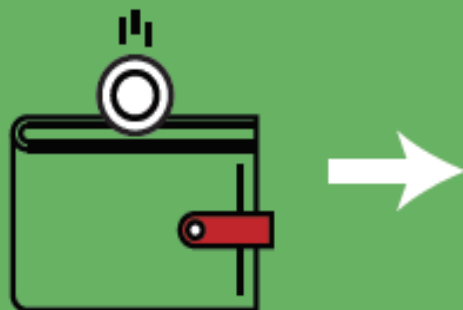


4. ORDER

To start ordering lunches simply select your Student and click "Buy Now", and you can order for the day, week. It's that simple!

5. CHECKOUT

Once you have completed your order, view your order summary in the "cart" and proceed to "checkout". Select your preferred form of payment and submit, all orders are confirmed via email.



NOTE ON PAID ORDERS

Note that only paid orders will be sent to your canteen, not those still sitting in your cart. To start ordering lunches simply select your Student and click "Buy Now", and you can order for the day, week. It's that simple!



www.myschoolconnect.com.au



My School Connect has a 7 day a week Support Line, contact 1300 030 915

Parent Code of Conduct at Thomastown West PS

A code of conduct for parents, carers and visitors, ensures that communications with our staff or anyone who visits our school site (including an online environment, such as Zoom, Class Dojo, our School Facebook page and emails) is able to do so in a safe and harmonious manner. This ensures that students, staff, parents and other visitors are not subjected to inappropriate, aggressive, hostile or violent behaviours.

At Thomastown West Primary School we believe the following:

- ✓ We all have the right to do as much work and learning as possible.
- ✓ We all have the right to feel comfortable and safe.



We have 5 key school VALUES which we encourage everyone to *live* by our school values:

Respect **Responsibility** **Resilience** **Empathy** and **Strive to be our best**

We teach the children that:

- ✓ *Values guide the way we think, speak and behave.*
- ✓ *Values help us to decide what is right and what is wrong.*

At Thomastown West Primary School, Parents and visitors are expected to:

- ✓ Treat all persons associated with the school with respect and courtesy.
- ✓ Ensure their child/children are punctual to class.
- ✓ Make appointments in advance of expecting to obtain an interview.
- ✓ Allow staff to supervise, investigate and manage students without interference.
- ✓ Discuss issues or concerns about the school, staff or students through the correct procedures.
- ✓ Follow school procedures governing entry and behaviour on school grounds, including any restrictions that may be imposed.

Under no circumstance are parents to approach another student or parent regarding any incidents or issues.

Your co-operation is sought in maintaining a safe and happy school.



This updated Parent Code of Conduct was approved by TWPS School Council in October 2021.

FREE WEEKLY ENGLISH CLASSES @ THOMASTOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE

TNH is keen to spotlight the commencement of our Weekly English Classes commencing in Second Semester. TNH will be partnering with PRACE to deliver 'Everyday English – English Conversation' Classes every Tuesday from 10am- 1pm in the TNH room at Thomastown Library. Please share this information with anyone who you think would benefit from the class and please note that registrations are essential. Please note that those with Bridging Visas E & F, Temporary Protection Visa & SHEV are also eligible to register.

Everyday English English Conversation

Meet new people and practice your English Language Skills in this friendly and supportive class.



Location: Thomastown Neighbourhood House
@ Thomastown Library, 52 Main St, Thomastown

Days and Hours: Tuesdays 10.00am- 1.00pm

Dates: 11 July- 5 December 2023
(19 Sessions)

Entry Requirements:

Bridging Visas E & F, Temporary
Protection Visa, SHEV , Permanent Residents and Australian
Citizens

Cost: Free

Registration & Further Info:

PRACE

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office@prace.vic.gov.au





